

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 4

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### P&C Trivia Night

I am really looking forward to the P&C Trivia night this coming Saturday night. I know a lot of organisation has gone into this and I know it will be hugely successful as was the night last year. It is a great way to enjoy some company of good friends and just catch up. I appreciate all the efforts that the P&C members have put into this night - with the end result being fundraising for resources for our students - your children. As there was a very successful staff table last year - we are looking for some good strong competition this year – that was very brave of me to write that – see you on Saturday night.

### Melbourne Cup Visit

We were very pleased today to have a visit from members of The Victorian Racing Club who had organised a Melbourne Cup tour to Newcastle and visited our school to show the students the actual Melbourne Cup and talk about its history and the iconic event of the Melbourne Cup. We would like to thank parent Cameron Williams who was able to organise this event for our students who were all very impressed with the actual cup itself and its amazing history.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chiara V who last week represented NSW at the National Championships in Sydney. Chiara put in an incredible effort and achieved the following results: 5<sup>th</sup> in 100m Butterfly, 5<sup>th</sup> in 50m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m Backstroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the relay team. A wonderful effort Chiara – well done – we will be watching your swimming career with great pride.



### National Netball News

Congratulations to Amelia L who recently participated in the National Netball Championships in Adelaide. NSW received a Silver medal being defeated by Victoria in a close fought final. There were many highlights for Amelia but overall it was a great experience! Well done Amelia!



### Public Speaking

Best wishes to the following students Stage 3 - Erin H and Darcy C; Stage 2 Ruby Z and Jonathan O; Stage 1 - Piper B and Lucy Z; who will be participating in the Hunter Region Public Speaking Zone Finals at various schools throughout this week and Early Stage 1 - Charlie C and Lily B (pictured) – who participated yesterday. We are very proud of you!



### Enrolments 2013

We are now finalising our numbers for Kindergarten enrolment for 2013 – hard to believe – how quickly the year has gone. If you know of any in zone enrolments for Kindergarten and they have not contacted us as yet – could you please let the families know – that would be much appreciated.

Our Kindergarten Information night is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We will be sending out information for this very soon to all families who have put forward applications for enrolment.

**Parent Assistance**

Many thanks to the small parent group who have been assisting with book covering in the library over the last couple of weeks – we really appreciate it. We need a little more help with covering over 80 Stage 3 dictionaries with contact. We would be happy to send home a small bundle of these at a time – 6 or 12 – to parents who may happily assist with this task at home – which would suit a lot of people more I would imagine. If you can help out with this task – let the office know and we will send home the dictionaries and the contact. Thanks.

**Wendy Cheek,  
Principal**

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2012****Week 4**

<b>Tuesday, August 7</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 7pm staffroom (Staffroom)</b>
<b>Saturday, August 11</b>	<b>P &amp; C Trivia Night</b>

**Week 5**

<b>Wednesday, August 15</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Thursday, August 16</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Friday, August 17</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>

**Week 6**

<b>Monday, August 20</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>

**Week 7**

<b>Monday, August 27</b>	<b>Kindergarten 2013 – Parent Information Night – 7pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 31</b>	<b>Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival</b>
<b>Friday, August 31</b>	<b>Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Farm (Note home today)</b>
<b>Saturday, September 1</b>	<b>Olive Tree Markets</b>

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 3 Week 3****YEARS 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>1CR</b>	Kalani F Maxxis F	Alexander P Isabella P
<b>1J</b>	Ella S	Harvey M
<b>1L</b>	Adele B	Adam Y
<b>1/2H</b>	Erin K	Rhys B
<b>2C</b>	Tilly R	Gus C
<b>2B</b>	Pearl C	Hunter A
<b>2M</b>	James H	Coco D

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

<b>3/4C</b>	Jorjia V	Summer C
<b>3W</b>	Tom J	
<b>3MC</b>	Tahlya V	Phoebe P
<b>4A</b>	Hayley C	Guy H
<b>6/5C</b>	Liam Garvey	Adelaide T
<b>6/5T</b>	Ella Patterson	Georgia M
<b>6/5B</b>	Georgina S	Olivia Z
<b>6/5F</b>	Jye Owens	Saxon L
<b>6/5S</b>	Zoe Davis	Ellie S
<b>Choir</b>	Jonathon O	Saxon C
<b>Band Awards</b>	Jonathan D (Jnr)	Jacob J (Inter) Rebecca S (Snr)
<b>Music Award</b>	Kofi H	
<b>Student of the Month</b>	Jack L – 6/5T Amy M – 6/5C Caitlin K – 3W Holly H – 6/5B	Sunny W -3MC Isabelle D – 3/4C Susanna B -4A Jordan P – 5/6F

**DEBATING**

Last Wednesday Year 5 students went to Merewether Heights Public school to debate the topic 'That the internet does more harm than good'. We were the affirmative and the team of Will L, Isla H, Rebecca S, Ben B and Anika L were successful winning the debate.

On Thursday our Year 5 and Year 6 students had debates against Hamilton Public School. The Year 6 team of Erin H, Ruby D, Tessie O & Max S were given the topical debate of 'Sporting heros are letting us down' which we successfully debated that this was not true. Year 5 had the topic 'School

uniforms are a bad idea', this was a very close debate resulting in Hamilton winning the debate.

## BAND NEWS

Senior band had a very successful Band day today in preparation for the Spring Winds Concert at the Newcastle Conservatorium on 8th September. Intermediate Band will have their day on 29th August. Notes for Year 2 students interested in joining the band have now been distributed. If anyone else requires a note, please see Mrs Fitzgibbon. Students will be allocated instruments in Week 6. A parent information afternoon will be held at 3:30pm Tuesday, 28th August. Information about this will be sent home shortly.

## NEWCASTLE ZONE PSSA ATHLETICS

The Newcastle PSSA Zone recently held its Zone Carnival at Glendale Athletics Track. Students from approximately 20 schools in the Zone were represented at this Carnival. From this Carnival a team of students were selected to represent the Newcastle Zone at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale Athletics Track on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2012.

The following students were successful at the Zone Carnival and will represent our school and Zone at the Regional Carnival.

### GIRLS

Mia A and Ebony D in the 8 years age race.  
Ejay S in the 11 years age race.  
Avalon N in the 12 years age race, 200m and long jump.  
Amelia L in the 12 years age race, long jump and shot put.  
Ellie S in shot put.  
The Senior Girls relay team was also successful in making the Regional Carnival. The girls are Avalon N, Amelia L, Ejay S and Bronte A.

### BOYS

Jordan P in the 13 years age race.  
Reed V in the 11 year 800m.  
Finley B in the 12 year 800m.  
Finn C in 200m, long jump and shot put.  
Our Senior Boys relay team was also successful in gaining a place at the Regional Carnival. The team comprises Finn C, Jordan P, Reed Van H and Joshua T. Congratulations to all of the competitors who were great ambassadors for The Junction School.

## 4A Mega Cake Stall

4A will be holding a Mega Cake Stall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August in order to raise money for garden seating for our class garden. Please note this date on your calendar and allow your child to bring along a little loose change to buy a special something for morning tea on the day. Though only 4A are required to bring along donations of items for the cake stall, donations from other students would be gratefully accepted. Mr Alcock



## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Open Monday mornings only from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall. If you are unable to make it then, you may pre-order and make payment in an envelope and leave it at the office. Orders will be filled on the Monday and given to students. Payment for orders is by Cash or Cheque only – Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C. Please note there are no EFTPOS facilities for purchases in the Uniform Shop.

## SCHOOL BANKING – Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank

Student Banking for Newcastle Permanent Building Society and the Commonwealth Bank is on a Monday. Students need to take their banking to the library immediately after roll call.

### For Parents from DET:

#### Asthma awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children.

The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to <http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

#### Cycling fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website.

The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to:

<http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

## P & C NEWS

### P&C Meeting – tonight – 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. Our meetings are held in the Staff Room, which is just down the hall from the Front Office. If you aren't on the P&C e-mail list and would like an agenda, please send me an e-mail at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com). We will be discussing a few important items in addition to our usual agenda.

**Finances.** Our Finance Subcommittee met at the end of June to consider our budget and financial position. After accounting for next year's budget as well as committed funds and unrepresented cheques, we had \$1,000 to spend. The recommendations from the budget committee are as follows:

- Increase support for student who represents the school at state and national level competitions. We're having a bumper year (must be Olympic fever!), we have budgeted an extra \$500, hopefully that will cover it.
- Increase spending for science club by \$500. This is linked with science week activities for which we have won a grant. The grant was for less than we asked for and the additional funds will help us buy materials.
- Reduce working capital from \$10,000 to \$7,000.
- If it is voted to reduce the working capital, it is proposed that the \$3000 be allocated to paying for remainder of cost of home readers and dictionaries and thesaurus that the school recently purchased.

**School Motto.** A group of parents is asking the P&C to consider whether the school motto might be updated.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

You'll find a **Trivia Update** flyer with your newsletter this week. Essential notes:



- **TRIVIA RAFFLE** tickets are \$2 each. All unsold or sold tickets and money are due into school by **THURSDAY 9 AUGUST**. The raffle will be drawn at Trivia Night, and the Kids' lucky prizes will be drawn on Monday 13 August.
- **Trivia Night Tickets** are still available: \$20 per person until we are sold out. A booking form is available in the Front Office, or from the School's website (under the P&C tab, follow the links to the booking form): <http://www.thejunctionp.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c>

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 1 September – YEAR 6

Next month will be Year 6 parents and carers, so recruit a friend and book a shift to help the P&C raise some money for the school. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Mob: 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com). Shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close).

Thanks to the parents who came to work this past Saturday's OTM BBQ. **We sold over \$1,500 worth of sausages and drinks.** What a great result for the school!

**Thanks to:** Sue Lucas, Amy Beck and sons, Allan McKinnon, Mei Lee, Suzanne Taylor, Jenine Bunt, Janet Ball, Lisa Hatherly-Tonkin, Steve Spencer, Suzanne Taylor, Anna Hackett, Afaf Girgis, Kim van Huisstede, Maija Spencer Karinen, Kathy Sammut, and Danielle Fogg. Thanks to Liz Ginters for organising.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn** wraps up this Saturday, 11 August. Thanks for all the stickers, so far we have over 20,000 points. This is double last year's effort, and we can get some great things for the school. Thanks to Lydia Meem for her coordination work, and for sticking all those loose stickers! The collection box and more sticker cards are in the Front Office foyer.

**Coles Sports for Schools** finishes 14 August, so please keep those vouchers rolling in. The collection box is in the Front Office foyer.

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - Please send me a note at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. You will receive notices of P&C meeting, as well as the agenda and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school. Regards, Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President